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Re: Docket Number 2005-385-E

Mr. Terreni:

I am writing to you today to request that the Public Service Commission move forward with the steps necessary to implement a statewide net metering policy. Net metering will encourage residents of South Carolina to offset their power consumption through the use of home generated renewable energy. As I am sure you are aware, a properly implemented net metering policy that is unencumbered by complex regulations for use and installation encourages investment in residential renewable energy systems.

A net metered system does not require complex battery systems which is not only less expensive to install but also eliminates the heavy metal waste that is part of a battery based system. With net metering in place the time to break even on a renewable energy system will be much shorter, often by a factor of 4, than installing a system without a net metering policy in place. Obviously, net metering offers even greater financial and environment impact incentives for residential RE systems.

Net metering equipment has been readily available in over 20 states for nearly a decade. The equipment is ANSI and IEEE certified and has been proven to be at least as safe for power line workers as commercial power generation equipment installed by the power utilities. Line workers would continue to be safe even with net metered equipment installed at residential locations.

Please consider the interests of the majority of citizens in the State of South Carolina and not just the few special interest groups and lobbyists when making the decision to support and implement a net metering policy for the State of South Carolina.

Best Regards ,



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